MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the Government have made any enquiry as to the causes for the removal of Mr. Pandalai and the appointment of Mr. T. D. Pillai in his place?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): I have already stated that Mr. Pandalai was not removed from his office.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): When the Directors made the recommendation, did the Government make any enquiry as to the cause of Mr. Pandalai's removal?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The Directors did not recommend Mr. Pandalai for the permanent post of Manager.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Did the Government ask the Directors whether Mr. Pandalai was competent for the post or not?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It was not necessary, Sir.

State-Aided Bank, Alleppey.

107. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnathur*): With reference to the State—Aided Bank Ltd.,—Alleppey, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the causes that actuated them in not confirming Mr. K. C. Pandalai as the manager of the Bank;

(*b*) the qualifications of Mr. K. C. Pandalai and of his successor Mr. T. D. Pillai;

(*c*) whether they are aware of the popular protests against the appointment of Mr. T. D. Pillai as the Manager; and

(*d*) if so, whether they intend reconsidering the matter.

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). The member is referred to the answers to question No. 104 (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) and question No. 105 (*e*).

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